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In re Patent Application of: Mariagrazia PIZZA et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 28, 2007 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20070918), for which a response is due December 28, 2007. This response is filed with a Petition and fee for a three month's extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.